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Community and School Gardens

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Starting Community Gardens to increase access to fruit and vegetables

How to Start a Community Garden toolkit - American Community Garden Association

This toolkit is designed to give many different groups the basic information they need to get their gardening project off the ground, from planning, siting and insurance to organizing, managing and troubleshooting. These lists are in no way meant to be complete - pick and choose those that seem to apply to your own situation.

<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/starting-a-community-garden.php>

Rebel Tomato - American Community Garden Association

This site was created as a web based tool for designing and planning a community garden.

<http://www.communitygarden.org/rebeltomato/index.php>

The Garden Web - iVillage Home & Garden Network

This forum is meant for the discussion of all aspects of organizing and participating in community gardens. (Note: You must be a registered member to post on the website's forums but it is possible to search and access previous conversation threads without registering.)

<http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/commgard/>

Community Gardening Toolkit (University of Missouri Extension)

This guide is intended to be a resource for gardeners, garden organizers, extension staff and other agency professionals who want to start a new community garden, enhance an existing garden or assist community members with starting and managing their own community garden.

<http://extension.missouri.edu/p/MP906#ten>

Find a Master Gardener to help you through your local Agricultural Extension Program.

<http://www.extension.org/pages/9925/state-and-provincial-master-gardener-programs:-extension-and-affiliated-program-listings>

Find a local Extension Office

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/index.html>

School Gardens

Let's Move School Gardens

Before you start a garden of your own, read and download this step-by-step guide, which offers important information about how to safely grow your own fruits and vegetables with your students.

<http://www.letsmove.gov/school-garden-checklist>

Land Use Policies, Public Land and Local Government

Land Use Policies to Support Urban Agriculture (ChangeLab Solutions)

This toolkit provides a framework and model language for land use policies that local policymakers can tailor to promote and sustain urban agriculture in their communities.

<http://changelabsolutions.org/publications/seeding-city>

Dig, Eat & Be Healthy: A Guide to Growing Food on Public Property (ChangeLab Solutions)

This guide provides users with the tools they need to access public land for growing food, including sample tools such as agreements between a city and community gardens, a lease agreement between a city and corporation, a license agreement between a city and community organization, and other community garden agreements.

<http://changelabsolutions.org/publications/dig-eat-be-healthy>

Cultivating Community Gardens (Local Government Commission)

Barriers, such as liability expenses, code restrictions and a lack of resources, which often make it difficult for communities to establish or maintain gardens in their neighborhoods, can be overcome with local government engagement. This fact sheet offers case studies, best management practices, resources and tools for policy-makers regarding creative, cost-effective solutions that reduce barriers and facilitate the creation of community garden programs.

http://www.lgc.org/freepub/community_design/factsheets/community_gardens/index.html

A Legal Toolkit for Community Gardens (ChangeLab Solutions)

This toolkit is designed to help overcome the legal and practical barriers to establishing community gardens on land that is not municipally owned. It provides several model agreements and other documents that can easily be tailored, simplifying the process of building an agreement that benefits both landowners and the community.

<http://changelabsolutions.org/publications/ground-rules>